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## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:


Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 8, 2004 in the above-referenced application.

Applicant believes the fee for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$840.00. [The fee of \$110.00 was previously charged to the deposit account of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (No. 12-1322 /019131-02700) on or about June 10, 2004.] The fee of \$840.00 represents the balance due for a three month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credits pertaining to this application during the entire pendency of this application to the deposit account of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (No. 12-1322 /019131-02700).

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Respectfully submitted,

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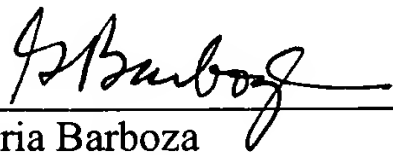
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